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## REPORT

### To Our Readers - Owners

#### 'STRANGERS'

"Strangers in Our Fields" is the title of an 80-page pamphlet, well illustrated, dealing with the Mexican workers who are yearly imported into our State and neighboring States to do agricultural work. It is based on a 4-month field survey made recently by Dr. Ernesto Galarza, research director for the AFLCIO National Agricultural Workers Union. The survey was made possible by a grant-in-aid from the Fund for the Republic.

Our own Neil Haggerty, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, is one of the sponsors of the fascinating little book, as a member of the United States Section of the Joint United States - Mexico Trade Union Committee, which is an official committee of the Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers affiliated with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Sounds rather complicated. But what it all boils down to is that the pamphlet is sponsored by a committee of good American labor people connected with the free world's great confederation of free trade unions.

#### 'SHEEP BETTER OFF'

No true labor man who believes in elemental rights for human beings can read this pamphlet without being deeply moved. For example, these workers come to California with a contract, signed by representatives of the United States and Mexican Governments, which is supposed to give the worker decent protection. But on page 18 Dr. Galarza quotes a Mexican Nationalist:

"Some of us have read the contract, but it cannot be mentioned to the boss. If you want to know how useless is the contract, try to see somebody about it. This is the first time we have talked with anybody who has listened to us. The sheep over there in that field are better than we are. They have a shepherd to watch the flock and dogs that protect them instead of biting them. Here in the camp it is one bite after another. They bite your wages and they bite your self-love."

#### MEXICO AHEAD OF US

There is a quiet paragraph of Dr. Galarza's on page 74 with a sting in it which should make all good Americans ashamed:

"In Mexico certain rights of the workers are regarded as unalienable and are written into the Constitution. And in Mexican law no discrimination is made against agricultural workers in this respect, as is the case of the United States Labor Management Relations Act. The International Agreement, therefore does not even maintain on paper the constitutional rights that the Mexican National has in his own country as a worker."

This pamphlet may be ordered from the U. S. Section, Joint United States - Mexico Trade Union Committee, Room 504, 815 - 16th Street NW, Washington 6, D. C., at 50 cents a copy. It's worth reading.

#### Butchers' Contract

Twelve thousand members of the Butchers Union, including Local 120 in Alameda county, are covered by a new agreement signed this week with the Bay Area Meat Council of employers. It includes a health and welfare plan at \$11.76 monthly, a pension plan, and a 7½-cent wage rise as of October 1.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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THE BAY AREA has a considerable number of people of Hungarian origin, just as do many parts of the country. But the intense sympathy for the present plight of Hungary, and for the courage of its working people, is not confined to Bay Area people of Hungarian origin. The picture above shows Hona Massey, Hungarian-born stage and screen star, who is making a plea to all union women to help the Hungarians. She is shown with (left to right) Dr. Bela Fabian, noted Hungarian writer and former head of the Hungarian Democratic Party; AFLCIO Secretary William F. Schnitzler, and AFLCIO European Representative Irving Brown.

## Sheet Metal Workers Launch National Organizing Drive

By LLOYD CHILD

Business Representative Sheet Metal Workers 216

A communication received by Local 216 from the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Washington, D. C. states that the organizing campaign is now under way. They expect to organize both building trades workers where necessary and production workers in all areas. Overall Director, George K. Reese, has been selected to coordinate the various phases of the campaign and his office will be with the General Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Reese is preparing for publication in the JOURNAL, an article to inform the membership in general that this program is now under way—to acquaint the new staff with the membership and to request from officers and members alike, cooperation in the campaign as to the gathering together the names of employees and companies and locations of plants that are unorganized and should be within the fold of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

The United States and Canada has been divided into five regions with a regional director and organizers in each area. The sheet metal workers who have worked in various locations around the country may be acquainted with some of those whose names are mentioned. The areas are as follows:

REGION I — New England, States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland; Alan Roberts, Regional Director; James Ferraris, John T. Garvey, (3 more organizers to start in future).

REGION II — Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma; G. Harold Ekdahl, Regional Director; Edwin C. Winter, Marcus M. Liskey, Frank J. Scaduto, Thomas C. Gilbert, Edward W. Hussey.

REGION III — Washington, D. C., Virginia, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky; Ellis R. Beeler, Regional Director; Lu-

## Continental Bake Shop Work Stops

Ninety members of Bakery Drivers 432 have stopped work and placed pickets at the plant of the Continental Baking Co. in Berkeley.

Les Benham and Les Sumnerfield, officers of the local union, stated that the work stoppage was due to a violation of the contract by the company.

Bakery drivers have stopped work in San Francisco and Sacramento also.

After the stoppage got underway, court action was brought by Continental, and the pickets were removed in Berkeley on advice of Matthew O. Tobriner, attorney for Local 432.

They were removed also in other cities until the action comes to a head.

Continental, one of the biggest bakery outfits in the country, has some 65 bakeries in the U. S. Wonder bread and Hostess cake are the brand names known here.

## Brazil for Meany Stand on Hungary, He Learns in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFLCIO)

—Brazilian labor, horrified by the Soviet army's mass murder of Hungarians seeking their freedom, hailed AFLCIO President George Meany's declaration that workers can progress only through free trade unions under democratic government.

Meany spoke at a luncheon, tendered by national labor leaders, which was a high spot in the four-day visit of an AFLCIO delegation in the Brazilian capital.

Accompanying him on the good will tour during which five Latin American countries are to be visited are President O. A. Knight of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers and President David Dubinsky of the Garment Workers.

The AFLCIO delegation was enthusiastically welcomed to Rio by the three labor federations affiliated, like the AFLCIO with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and ORIT, by President Juscelino Kubitschek and by Vice President Joao Goulart.

Goulart, who during his recent trip to the U. S. joined with Brazilian labor to invite the AFLCIO group to make a neighborhood call, publicly declared the visit cemented friendlier relations between Brazil and the U. S. and encouraged Brazilian workers to greater progress.

U. S. Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs also expressed the view that their visits here and in Sao Paulo promoted friendship between the two nations.

The visit was widely publicized. Speeches of the three AFLCIO leaders, both formal and informal, were widely quoted in the press and were broadcast at length by radio and television stations.

From Sao Paulo, the AFLCIO visitors went to Montevideo, Uruguay, and later were to stop in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lima, Peru and Panama.

Monday night, he pointed out, is when many labor people are attending the CLC.

It was brought out at the meeting of the Veterans Christmas Committee, he said, that the largest single contributor to the committee's fund for giving a good Christmas to veterans in hospitals of the East Bay was a labor union.

Manuel E. Francis, as a representative of East Bay Auto Machinists 1546, has received the following letter:

Your organization's contribution of \$300 to the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee is gratefully received.

It is organizations such as yours who afford us the opportunity of continuing this worthwhile project.

We trust you will convey the sincere thanks of our Committee to all those who made this donation possible.

With kindest regards and my own personal thanks, I am, Sincerely,

WM. C. GROENIGER, JR.  
President, Veteran Hospitals Christmas Committee

Why not pass this copy of East Bay Labor Journal on to a friend when you've finished reading it?

## Dining Car Union Fete on Nov. 30th; Big R. R. Changes

Dining Car Cooks & Waiters Local 456 will have an installation and dinner dance at 8 p.m. Friday, November 30.

The festive event will take place at Jenkins Lounge, 7th and Wood Streets, Oakland. All reservations, at \$3 a plate, should be in by November 28, says Tom Anderson, secretary-treasurer and vice general chairman for his union's members on the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific.

Anderson's telephone number is Templebar 2-1950.

Both Anderson and General Chairman William Pollard have held office for 20 years. Pollard became secretary in Los Angeles in 1942 and general chairman in 1944.

Eugene V. Blandin remains as president of Local 456, and Bertram Hicks as vice president.

Pollard says that the number of dining car cooks and waiters has declined along with the Pullman service, which has been meeting stiff competition from airplanes and from the use of private automobiles and motels for long trips. This has necessarily resulted in a decline in the union membership.

Some railroads have become so convinced that it is useless for them to try to meet this competition that they are even hoping to dump passenger service entirely and confine themselves to freight business. Occasionally would-be patrons of Pullman service are told over the phone when applying for space that it is all taken up. Yet when they go down to the depot to take a chance they find many openings.

There is a belief among some railroad employees that this is part of a deliberate effort by railroads to build up a case for being permitted to dump passenger traffic.

Pollard says, however, that he doesn't bother with such rumors. What he's interested in, is getting jobs for railroad men in any line of work when their line of work begins to go out.

"It isn't only the people in the dining car service who feel this pinch," said Pollard. "Look at the boiler-makers. Time was when the Southern Pacific had a great many of them, now very few."

He feels that a big retraining program is needed, to fit railroaders in any line for work in other lines of railroad work when there is a shift of emphasis on crafts.

"We are very much encouraged," he told East Bay Labor Journal, "by the cooperation we are getting from railroad management in placing members of our union in other lines of railroad work when they are forced out of work in their own line by the changes that are coming on."

Pollard says that dining car cooks and waiters, while they shared in the wage advance recently gained by all non-operating workers on the railroads, are even more interested in security of employment just now than in wage matters.

## Mrs. Joseph Gambiano

Death came recently to Mrs. Isabel Cambiano, wife of Joseph Cambiano, president of the California State Council of Carpenters and member of the international executive board of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

The wife of the veteran carpenter's official had been ill for the past year. She and Brother Cambiano had been married almost 50 years. She is survived by her husband and two married daughters. Funeral services were held in St. Matthew's Church, San Mateo.

## Council Discusses Hungarian Tragedy

John Hutchinson, Teachers Union, and other delegates discussed the heroism and tragic predicament of the people of Hungary at the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday.

The executive committee will bring in a report next week on what participation by the council seems feasible in the move, sponsored by AFLCIO President Meany, to give assistance to the refugees from Hungary.

## UNIONS! GET YOUR EDEN HOSPITAL DATA READY!

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash urges all unions which have complained about alleged overcharges of their members by Eden Hospital to assemble this data at once and turn it over to him.

"Some unions were not ready with their figures at the recent one-day hearing on Eden Hospital," Ash told the CLC this week. "At the later hearing we must have the figures ready."

## Andrews & Werdel National Ticket Was Boosted Here

During the turmoil of the recent campaign, many voters did not realize that at Hayward there was a group plugging for T. Coleman Andrews for President and Thomas H. Werdel for Vice President.

The group, calling itself the South Hayward Chapter, First National Society, publishes a miniature weekly, the South Hayward News, which urged voters to write in the names of Andrews and Werdel on the ballot.

Andrews, former Collector of Internal Revenue, and as such the official who collected the income tax, has been making a name for himself among conservatives of the extreme right by advocating the repeal of the income tax law.

Werdel was for some years a Congressman representing one of the districts in the San Joaquin valley, and was known as a bitter opponent of Earl Warren, whom he considered a dangerous liberal.

The Andrews-Werdel contingent had hoped to split the Virginia vote badly this year, and possibly to carry the electoral vote of that State, but made a very poor showing.

The South Hayward News is trying to build up membership in the First National Society, which, the little weekly paper explains, "is FOR AMERICA first, last, and all the time."

Meanwhile labor people in the Hayward area are keeping a weather eye on this small reactionary group, to see how fast it grows, if any.

This watchfulness is intensified by the fact that the Caldwell anti-labor group, known as the California Employers Association, has been trying to get a foothold in southern Alameda county as the bargaining representative of management negotiations with labor union.

## AFLCIO Editors to Gather New Ideas

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The day-to-day operational problems facing labor editors will get top billing at the convention of the International Labor Press Association in Washington November 30 and December 2.

Major feature of the three-day sessions will be a workshop program dealing with readability of labor papers, newspaper design, newsprint, advertising, public relations and radio and TV promotion.

The delegates will hear also a complete report on the ILPA's drive against racket papers and will act on a proposal to tighten the organization's Code of Ethics to outlaw blind ads.

The annual awards banquet will climax the program. Labor papers' readability will be analyzed by Robert Gunning, veteran newsman, editor and readability expert. Alex Smith, top advertising man in the trade union field, will lead a discussion on how to sell advertising.

Edward C. Arnold of Mergenthaler and George Lohr, past president, Society of Art Directors, will handle layout and makeup problems and LPA Vice President Paul Phillips, president of the Paper-makers, will talk on newsprint problems.

Edward Morgan and John Vanderoock, the AFLCIO's radio commentators, will report on labor's use of radio and TV.

Sponsored in conjunction with the University of California at Los Angeles, the course will include examination of basic labor laws, discussion of wage and welfare benefit collection laws, unemployment insurance laws, workmen's compensation, and new interpretation of the Taft-Hartley law.

## Start Now On Local Election And One In '58, CLC Is Told

There was some discussion at the Central Labor Council meeting this week of lessons learned in the recent election campaign. But more emphasis was placed by several speakers on the need for beginning immediately to prepare for victory in the April local elections, and for more fundamental organizational work in the 7th Congressional District.

Dr. Laurence L. Cross, former Mayor of Berkeley, who was strongly backed by labor in his energetic but unsuccessful run for the House in the 7th District, appeared at the meeting and thanked council delegates for their assistance in the campaign.

Dr. Cross said that a national magazine asked him and candidates all over the country to wire briefly their explanation for their defeat. He wired that it was due to the sudden arising of the crisis in the Middle East, and the traditional assumption of voters that they "shouldn't change horses in midstream." He said he noted that this was the almost unanimous opinion of those Democrats who sent wires to the magazine.

"You can't buck an avalanche when your opponent is a greased pig you can't get hold of," said Dr. Cross, referring to the incumbent, Congressman John J. Allen. Dr. Cross accused Allen of spreading untrue rumors unfairly as part of the campaign strategy.

Dr. Cross' main emphasis, however, was on preparations for the 1958 campaign to unseat Allen. He stressed two needs: continuity of effort, and the crucial 17th Assembly District.

Discussing continuity, Dr. Cross implied that he might be ready to run again in the 7th District in 1958, and added that in preparing for the recent campaign he had conferred with Dr. Buell Gallagher and those candidates succeeding him in the effort to oust Allen.

Turning to the problem of the 17th Assembly District as the key area in the 7th Congressional District, Dr. Cross said that it should be noted that all but 203 of the registered Republicans in the 17th voted, whereas 16,000 registered Democrats in the 17th failed to vote.

He advocated work on the problem of the 17th beginning at once.

SPRING ELECTIONS — Walter Bass, Chauffeurs 923, set the ball rolling in the direction of the Spring elections in Oakland and elsewhere in the East Bay.

Bass said that for 10 years his union had enjoyed the protection of an Oakland ordinance limiting the number of taxicabs which could be licensed in the city. This made it possible, he said, for the wage of the drivers to be stabilized on a reasonable basis, and at the same time to keep adequate cab service going.

But recently, he said, the Oakland City Council, despite vigorous efforts on his part and that of others to make it realize what chaos would ensue if unlimited license began, had reversed its previous policy.

"Unlimited competition means bad service in this business," insisted Bass.

He said that he wished to admit he had been negligent for years in political matters. "I didn't join the Labor League for Political Education. I didn't really participate in the efforts labor has been making here to improve our conditions," he said. "But this thing has waked me up. And I feel that other unions which have done very little politically are facing such rude awakenings, and I'm going to do all I can to help them wake up before it's too late."

Bass advocated immediate efforts to organize for the Oakland city elections in the Spring of 1957.

George Stokes, Teachers Union, a little later in the meeting called attention to the fact that three members of the Oakland Board of Education will be up before the voters at that same time. He said this was something about which labor should be vigilant.

Stokes also remarked that directors of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District would be facing the people, and that organized labor should bestir itself to get good candidates for those important offices, and to back them vigorously.

SOUTHERN CROSSING — Another political issue was brought up by Howard P. Jeter, Berkeley Teachers, who said that he was much opposed to renewed proposals to establish a southern crossing of the Bay from Army Street in San Francisco to the southern part of Alameda County.

Secretary Robert S. Ash commented that the council had already taken a stand on the bridge issue, favoring both the southern crossing and the proposed bridge parallel to the present one. Jeter said he thought this policy should be changed.

Thereupon Walter Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 888, vigorously defended the council's established policy, especially its advocacy of the southern crossing, in a speech which brought loud applause.

CONSOLATION PRIZE — Secretary Ash said that while labor suffered many setbacks in the election here, it was some consolation that Alameda county was the only large county in the State which was carried by Richard Richards for the U. S. Senate. He said it was generally realized that labor's efforts had much to do with this.

"We had more people working in this campaign in the 7th Congressional District than in any previous campaign except the one for Dr. Buell Gallagher," said Ash. "If we continue in this spirit the results are going to be different in that Congressional District."

Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx named many who had worked hard on Election Day. He especially praised the officers of Culinary Alliance 31 for their persistent and efficient efforts that crucial day.

## Math Instructor Ignoring Pickets

Labor representatives appeared before the San Leandro Board of Education this week to protest the actions of James Hager, teacher of mathematics at San Leandro High.

Central Labor Council assistant Secretary Richard Groulx said that Operating Engineers 3 have a picket line in front of the Hensley Equipment Co. plant, and that Hager, who has a side job at the plant, has repeatedly crossed the picket line.

At Clem, Operating Engineers 3, says that the picket line was established after the company fired three men for union activity.

## Insurance Co. Pact

California Life Insurance Company, owned by the joint trustees of the Laundry Workers' International Union and the employers, has signed an agreement with Office Employees 29, Assistant Central Labor Council Secretary Richard Groulx reported this week.

Groulx said the manager, apparently not realizing the owning union's interest in such matters, at first held out for an open shop. But Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2, soon made it plain to the manager, said Groulx, that the open shop policy was decidedly unacceptable.

## Auto Shops Struck

Automobile agencies and garages were struck this week in San Jose, Los Gatos, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale by Machinists Lodge 1101. Altogether some 73 shops were struck. Teamsters Automotive Workers Local 576 observed the picket lines. About 500 men went out all told.

The Santa Clara County Employers' Council, bargaining agent for the San Jose Motorcar and Dealers Association and the Independent Garage Owners Association of the area, had been carrying on the negotiation with the union.

WILLIS LIQUORS' in Hayward on B street near Castro has finally signed with Food Clerks 870 after 24 days of picketing. George Read of Local 870 reported to the Central Labor Council this week. Read added that "we noted during the long picketing period some lack of education among union families as to just what a picket line means. Some union members might do well to talk with their families on this subject."



## HOW TO BUY

### Car Insurance-Finance Scandal

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Adviser for Labor Journal

State insurance commissioners, who are supposed to protect the public against overcharges now stand revealed as having attempted to whitewash the nationwide practice of large finance companies in overcharging unsuspecting car buyers for auto insurance.

Involved in the nationwide scandal are not merely a few small or "fringe" finance companies usually blamed for installment rackets, but some very big finance companies who sell insurance through their own insurance companies. The gouge has operated chiefly by charging buyers the Class 2 of overcharges, but recommending refunds only on the most recent, and with no proposing to suspend licenses of companies.

In fact, the commissioners even said they weren't sure but that the refunds should be made to the parent finance companies and not to the buyers themselves, which simply tal countryside overcharges run as high as \$25,000.00. The National Better Business Bureau putting them in another. To reports some companies wrote there still has been no as few as one out of seven suggestion of barring these policies at the Class 1 rate, companies from selling insurance automatically charging all charges for car, credit fee and insurance into one sum so the buyer doesn't know how much he is charged for each item.

Existence of the gouge has been known to state insurance departments at least since 1954, if not before. In 1954, the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners learned that many car buyers had overpaid for insurance bought from Service Fire Insurance Co. This nationally-operating company insures more than 800,000 cars a year.

CHICAGO (AFLCIO)—Substantial contract gains including a package increase of 12 cents an hour at All-Steel Equipment Inc., have been reported by Vice President Edward H. Wolfe of the Boilermakers and Blacksmiths.

A Metal Trades agreement with the David Bradley Mfg. Works, Bradley, Ill., raises wages of piece workers four cents an hour and seven cents an hour for hourly rated workers as well as an average 12 cents to correct inequities in about 60 jobs. The pact covers Boilermakers, Moulders, Machinists and Firemen and Oilers.

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### St. Rose Hospital

A general meeting of more than 50 physicians and surgeons was held recently at St. Rose Hospital. Purpose of the meeting was to review progress of the St. Rose hospital fund drive and make plans for organization of the medical staff. The Building Trades Council has endorsed the drive.

Dr. Jerome P. Feldman of Hayward, chairman of the hospital's staff organization committee, outlined plans for organizing a medical staff and named several members to a committee to draft the constitution and by-laws. Among those named were Drs. Keyne Monson of Hayward, Charles Peacock of San Leandro, Michael D. Sheridan of Hayward and Richard S. Silvas of Castro Valley.

PAY SCALES for union truck drivers and helpers advanced an average of 10 cents an hour in the year ended July 2, according to the Labor Dept. The higher rates were reported for 86 percent of 350,000 organized local city drivers and helpers.

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### To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

POST-WAR BABY CROP, when it reaches high school age, is going to provide California with an almost overwhelming wave of delinquents, predicts Herman Stark, director of the California Youth Authority. He says that forest camps run by the counties might be "our only hope" to handle the number of youths expected to be committed to custody in those bright days of the future when this wave splashes over us.

Stark hopes the counties will be able to handle 85% of that post-war baby crop turned delinquent, so that the Youth Authority will have "to take only the 15% too tough for the counties to handle."

BUT WHY are so many of these children destined to turn out so badly that they'll have to be penned away from the rest of us as though they were a bunch of mad dogs?

The answer given by teenagers from the city of Alameda's four high schools to the Alameda City Council recently is simply this—that the control of children by parents isn't strict enough, and that there is a failure by too many parents to establish ground rules and hours to which the children must conform.

DELINQUENT PARENTS, in other words, are the reason we have so many delinquent youngsters.

And when you see how timid many parents are about even giving a little gentle advice to their youngsters, you wonder if there isn't a lot to that answer.

Home Furnishings  
Elegance!

Two table settings now on display in special room at Tiffany's offer contrasting versions of elegant dining.

In a room devoted to English eighteenth-century silver, the mahogany table is shown without a tablecloth. The rich graining of the wood was considered enough decoration by English diners of that era. Antique silverware from the Queen Anne period is arranged with tines and bowls of spoons and forks facing the table, another characteristic of the time in which they were made.

In another room, red velvet curtains cut out the daylight to display best of the grandeur of gold-finished silver. This, called vermeil, was developed in eighteenth century France and has been revived. Cloths covering small round tables are made of a white damask woven with golden threads. Chairs are painted gilt and have red velvet seats.—New York Times.

Gains on Railroads  
CHICAGO (AFLCIO)—Eleven non-operating unions have reached agreement with the nation's railroads on a three-year contract covering approximately 700,000 workers.

The Railway Mediation Board said the new pact calls for a first year wage hike of 10 cents an hour effective November 1, seven cents an hour November 1, 1957, and another seven cents November 1, 1958.

The carriers also agreed to apply 2 1/2 cents an hour additional or \$4.25 a month per worker toward a hospital, medical and surgical plan covering employees' dependents.

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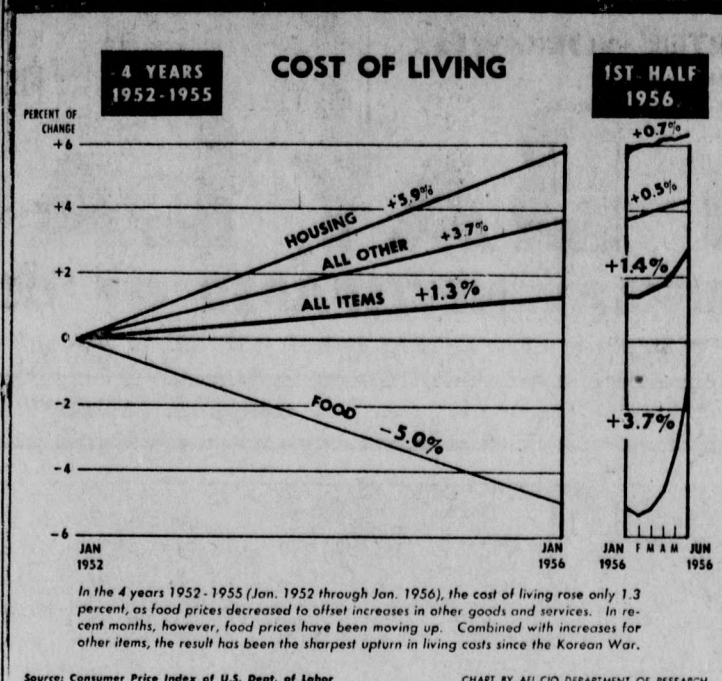
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### White Collarites To Be Discussed

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO)—A conference on problems of the white collar worker will be held in the Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., on December 13 and 14, Director Albert Whitehouse of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department announced.

Invitations have been sent to the presidents of 72 IUD affiliates. About 300 officers, staff representatives and key local union officers are expected to attend.

Speakers will include AFLCIO President George Meany, AFLCIO Secretary - Treasurer William F. Schnitzler, IUD President Walter P. Reuther and IUD Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey. The program will include papers and discussions, with the details to be made public later.

Whitehouse urged participation in the conference even by those unions which do not have a white collar membership because "the future of the labor movement is dependent in part upon our ability to find the answers to the problems of the white collar workers."

"Industrial unions have a major concern with the problems of the white collar worker because more and more the white collar worker is the industrial worker of the future," he wrote the union president.

"Because of their increasing importance in our economy, white collar workers need an effective spokesman both in private enterprises and in government employment. Although many of them have not recognized it, organized labor has been almost the only effective spokesman for white collar workers. We could speak far more effectively were the major portion of the white collar group united in our ranks."

ILO Going After  
Errant Husbands

GENEVA (AFLCIO)—Fifteen countries have signed a treaty aimed at helping the law catch up with errant husbands and fathers who stray to other countries to avoid contributing to the upkeep of spouses and children, the International Labor Organization has announced.

The convention will end the immunity enjoyed by deserting males when it has been ratified by a minimum of three countries. It will be open for signing—which is followed by ratification—until the end of the year.

### Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

"I PLAN to take some courses at Columbia when the spring term opens. Probably will take a history course with Allan Nevins. Then I want to enroll in the Russian Institute. Maybe I'll take a course in politics, too."

There's nothing remarkable about the foregoing quotation. It might be heard on any campus at the end of almost any term. People are always taking courses at Columbia.

It so happens, however, that this remark was made by a man who received his A. B. from John's Hopkins University seventy years ago. He announced his plans for next spring on his ninetieth birthday.

This man is Abraham Flexner, one of the world's most famous educators, whose plans for educating others always go hand in hand with plans for more education for himself.

The son of an immigrant, one of nine children, Dr. Flexner did not have an easy childhood. But he managed to get his education, and did the usual four years of college in two.

In 1910 he wrote a report on medical schools which revolutionized medical education in the United States. After it came out, quick medical schools closed by the dozen and medical education was on a sound basis.

This was only one of the many great services he has rendered to the cause of education in this country. And he isn't quitting.

It made news five years ago when he enrolled as a freshman in Columbia, despite the number of degrees he already held. He is also engaged in writing his autobiography, for which his active life is continually supplying more material.

We have a lot of talk about retirement these days. Many look forward to it as a time of rest and play—and possible boredom. Only a few look upon it as an opportunity for more education.

No one dares mention the word "retirement" to this great man. While he is alive, he is working and learning.

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## Steamfitters In Slow Work Season

By JIM MARTIN

The delegates reports of the proceedings of the United Association convention held during the month of August in Kansas City, Missouri, were given at our last membership meeting and were well received.

We suggest that you read the October issue of the United Association Journal for additional information and changes in the Constitution that will affect you the next five years.

Open house was held at our last meeting, so those attending the Union meeting could visit the offices and see what some paint and alterations can do to a place. The changes were very well received by the membership. If you haven't seen our new offices, stop by for a look.

Business Representative Jim O'Donnell's condition remains about the same. Roy Bradburn had an operation on his back and is now convalescing and should be going to work in the near future.

Now that the reports of the delegates to the United Association convention and the California State Federation of Labor convention have been heard, the membership meetings will be back to normal. Reports of Committees and the reports of the Business Agents will again be heard. We urge that you attend at least one meeting a month.

The employment situation has been bad the past couple of months and with the exception of two major shut-downs, namely, the Fluor Maintenance Company project at Union Oil Refinery, Oleum, and Bechtel Company job for overhauling of the 100-Octane Plant at Avon, things are going to continue to be slow until after the first of the year. Some of our members have taken temporary work in the States of Utah and Washington. The Business Office wishes the membership of Local 342 a belated Happy Thanksgiving.

### Neutral Chairman

Ad G. Zalkus, Los Angeles coat and suit manufacturer, will take over next January as impartial chairman of the southern California ladies' garment industry.

The announcement of the Zalkus appointment was made by Samuel Otto, vice president and Pacific Coast director of the ILGWU.

Zalkus will succeed Dan A. West who has served as impartial chairman since 1952.

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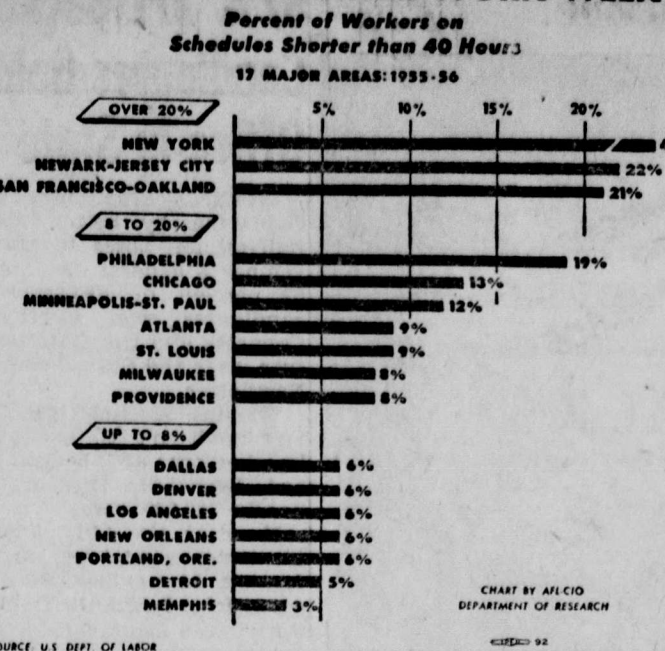
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## PROGRESS TO SHORTER WORK WEEK



## Postal and Wire Unions in Group

MEXICO CITY (AFLCIO) — With a dozen AFLCIO unionists playing leading roles, about 100 delegates from Western Hemisphere countries formed the Inter-American Congress of the Postal, Telegraph & Telephone International, the international trade secretariat of the communications industry in the free world, at a week-long meeting here.

Heading the U. S. group were AFLCIO Vice Presidents Joseph A. Belne, president of the Communications Workers and a member of the PTTI executive council, and William C. Doherty, president of the Letter Carriers. The meeting was arranged by William C. Doherty, Jr., PTTI Inter-American representative.

The PTTI, associated with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, represents 15 million communications industry workers in unions outside the iron curtain. President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines of Mexico made the opening address at the Inter-American Congress.

Belne in a speech reviewed the history of the CWA, the world's largest union in the communications field. He predicted that in the future, workers in the area, recognizing their "inherent responsibility to assume leadership," will "help each other achieve and secure basic political freedoms and economic advancement."

He emphasized the strong opposition of the CWA and the PTTI to both communism and dictatorship from the right, and declared that only by dedication to the democratic way of life can unions serve their members.

## Filmstrips Ready For Union's Use

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The Film Division of the AFL-CIO Department of Education has compiled a catalog of filmstrips which may be rented from the department by local unions, central bodies, etc.

Listed are 28 sound filmstrips and 15 silent filmstrips on labor, international affairs, civil rights, atomic energy and public education. For the sound filmstrips, a record player which can play a 16-inch, 33 1/3 rpm record is necessary. Rentals range from \$2.50 to \$20. Single copies of the 10-page catalog are available without cost from the department at 815 - 16th St., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

## Carpenters Will Assist Industry

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — A pledge that the Carpenters would be "a willing partner" of industry in improving output and promoting use of wood products was made by Maurice Hutcheson, the union's president, to a committee of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association.

Hutcheson said the union has never yet "pushed a fight against the employer to the point where the employer loses and is pushed out of business."

He said he advocated a much broader and deeper relationship between the union and association "than the famous experiments in operation between the needle trade unions and their industry associations."

The union, Hutcheson continued, will work with industry in amending building codes to permit wider use of wood products, in having insurance rates lowered on wood construction and in maintaining "realistic" controls over imports of plywood and other wood products.

Hutcheson scored "outmoded building codes and prohibitive insurance rates" and said they were "based on ignorance, even superstition," rather than fact.

## Car Porters For Fund For Republic

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters wrote Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee to express "our unqualified belief in and support of" the Fund for Republic, whose sponsorship of a study on blacklisting is under investigation.

BSCP President A. Philip Randolph, who is an AFLCIO vice president, told Walter that he was not "passing judgment on the merits or demerits of the Report on Blacklisting by John Cogley, a noted and able journalist, and former editor of the well-known Catholic weekly, Commonweal."

But he said that "a review of the grants by the Fund for the Republic will indicate that they have been made to causes the advancement of which is fundamental to the leadership of the democratic forces of the world by the United States against Russian Soviet Communism in its drive for worldwide conquest of the minds and allegiance of the peoples of Europe, Asia and Africa."

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

Attention, all members of Local 939! You are hereby notified that the next regular meeting of Local 939 will be held Friday, November 23, 1956, at 8 p.m. in Hall B, Labor Temple.

It will be necessary to nominate and elect a president of the local at this meeting. You are respectfully requested to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

### Steamfitters Union, Local 342

The off-year Election of Officers for the years 1957 and 1958 will be held on Sunday, December 9, 1956, in Hall "D" of the Labor Temple.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please bring your dues book.

We urge that you make every effort to VOTE.

Fraternally Yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.  
Steamfitters Union No. 342

### Attention!

### Painters of District Council No. 16

As has been reported to you at your Local Union Meetings and in a notice sent out by the Berkeley Local Union No. 40, the Boy Scout Headquarters in Oakland and the Scout Camp at Los Mochos are in need of a paint job.

Those of you who have boys in Scouting should get out and help with this worthwhile job to keep up the facilities used by your sons. Any painter will be welcomed as the more help we have, the easier the job.

CONTACT YOUR RESPECTIVE LOCAL UNIONS, and leave your name. A date will be set as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PAINTERS No. 16  
FLOYD PEASELEE,  
Executive Secretary

### Painters Local 127

Our next meeting of the local will be December 13, 1956 at 8:00 p.m. This will probably be the last meeting of the year hope to see a lot of members out for this last meeting.

Fraternally Yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary.

### Painters Local Union No. 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting, November 23, has been designated a special meeting, called for the purpose of nominating and electing one trustee.

Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN RASINICK,  
Recording Secretary,  
Painters Union, Local 40

### School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, December 1, at 2 p.m. Nomination of officers for 1957 will be concluded at this meeting. The executive board meets at 10 a.m.

Fraternally yours,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

### UC Employees 371

The regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 1, at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley.

Executive board meets at 7 p.m.

There will be refreshments after the meeting.

WALTER N. RENYER  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Hayward Painters 1178

The next regular meeting of Local 1178 will be called to order at 8 p.m., Friday, December 7. Come to the meeting and express your opinion about anything that may be discussed.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Cement Masons Union No. 594

The next regular meeting of Cement Masons, Local 594, to be held December 6, 1956, at 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, will be a special meeting.

Special order of the business to be nomination of officers for 1957.

Yours fraternally,  
M. B. DILLASHAW  
Financial Secretary

## Watchmakers Note Bad Ad, Adjust It

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We can report that we had occasion to visit Centerville. A retail store in the Bay Area was sending their trade work to Morgan A. Chivers of that city. We were successful in obtaining a membership from him and at the time of our visit to Centerville, an unethical price advertisement by the Niles Jewelers in that vicinity, came to my attention. Therefore, it was necessary that I contact this establishment and have been successful in having this \$5.00 price eliminated.

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## Labor Lays Firm Rights Foundation

The AFLCIO Civil Rights Committee has "laid a firm foundation for its task of improving real and meaningful the promise of equal opportunity," according to a recent report presented by the committee's chairman, James B. Carey.

The report, which was prepared for the recent meeting of the AFLCIO's executive council, also indicated that efforts by certain groups in the South to use the "White Supremacy" issue as a basis for undermining democratic AFLCIO unions had generally failed, says the State Federation Newsletter.

In accepting the report, the executive council agreed that it would be "desirable" to plan a National Trade Union Conference on Civil Rights, to be held in Washington at a later date.

The committee also recounted the steps that had been taken to fight ordinances aimed at keeping union organizers out of communities by requiring high license fees or other legal methods. One such ordinance was outlawed by the Tennessee supreme court.

Discussing activities of the anti-union White Citizens' Councils, the committee report said:

"Despite reports to the contrary persistently circulated by hate-mongering groups, there have been no defections of any consequence from the membership of AFLCIO affiliates in the South. Substantial organizational progress has been made by AFLCIO affiliates."

## Hard Negotiating In East Shipyards

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — Six days and nights of almost continuous negotiations were climaxed with agreement on a three-year contract covering 15,000 production and salaried workers of Bethlehem Steel Co. in eight East Coast shipyards.

President John J. Grogan of the Marine and Shipbuilding Union said that the pact provides wage boosts of 9 to 22 cents an hour this year, with raises of 7 to 10 cents hourly in 1957 and 1958. First class skilled mechanics who make up most of the work force will get a flat 18 cent hourly increase in the first year.

The agreement covers union workers at yards in Boston and Quincy, Mass., Hoboken, N. J., Baltimore and Sparrows Point, Md., and New York.

Other points in the contract provide increases next July 1 and on January 1, 1959, if there is an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics index. Piece work rates will be increased by 13 percent this year and 6 percent more in the second and third year of the pact.

There are also significant gains in vacation schedules, an additional paid holiday, improved pension, health, accident and welfare plans and other contract sections.

### Longshore Strike

The work stoppages of the ILWU on the West Coast "in sympathy" with the strike of the AFLCIO-outlawed ILA on the East Coast held the attention of the nation's labor and Government leaders this week. The ILA, hoping some day to get back into the AFLCIO, repudiated the "support" given by Harry Bridges.

## Salaries & Atoms Teacher's Subject

By JOYCE E. LOBNER  
Member, Teachers Union

"Some day science may have the existence of mankind in its power, and the human race commit suicide by blowing up the world," so wrote Henry Adams in 1862.

You hear the same kind of remark often nowadays. But pick it apart and the fallacy is exposed. Such thinking resembles a belief in magic, for it rests on a personification of science.

Rightly defined, science is merely a method or technique for investigating natural processes. By it man found out how to cause chemical and physical reactions, how to store up and release energy. He still does not know what energy is, what life is, or how to manage his own affairs peacefully. Justice is a conditions he rarely even tries to achieve.

In such a simple problem as a salary increase, we find two or more groups of individuals opposing each other as to the fair solution. We find stubbornness, narrow-mindedness and selfishness ruling the decision instead of reason, far-sightedness and efficiency.

If the human race commits suicide, it will not be the fault of science. The blame will rest on its own reckless stupidity in its use of scientific tools and its lack of fairness and brotherly love.

13 U. S. UNION MEMBERS are studying abroad under awards from the Fulbright and Ruskin College scholarship plans, according to a compilation by the AFL-CIO Dept. of Education.

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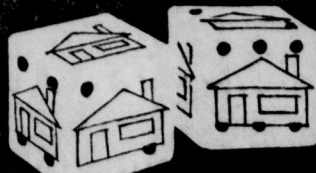
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## OPINIONS

### SECURITY PAY FOR WOMEN AT 62 QUESTIONED

Editor, Labor Journal:

Last Congress passed a law so women can draw their old age social security at 62 years of age.

Why should we men be penalized for being men? Science tells us women live 10 years longer than men, which means women would draw much more money than men.

How about our unions circulating petitions all over the U. S. and getting equality for men? Maybe some of us will live to enjoy a little more ease before death claims us.

I have been a union member for 35 years.

Thank you,  
ALVA WILSON  
1711 Buena Vista Avenue  
Alameda.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** If a woman asks under the new law to begin getting her social security benefits at the age of 62, she signs a statement that she understands that she will permanently get only 80% of the amount per month she would get if she began receiving benefits at 65. Women who have jobs, and from whose pay deductions are made for social security, prefer to wait until they're 65 before accepting benefits. Actuarial experts have figured that the total amount of benefits received for the remainder of the life span is the same whether a woman begins taking benefits at 62, getting 80 percent per month of full benefits, or waits until 65 and gets 100%.

### LEVIATHANS

The American people may now in fact have reached the point of no return. The world of free competitive, independent, individual enterprise is shrinking fast. Corporate leviathans are larger than ever, both absolutely and relative to national income. There are dozens of them that employ scores of thousands of workers, have hundreds of thousands of stockholders, make millions of dollars of net profits after taxes each month, and possess billions of dollars of assets. Their economic power potential is enormous. Their direct control of jobs, payrolls, and revenues in more than a dozen instances exceeds that of even the largest states. — Professor T. J. Kreps of Stanford.

### 'START SQUEAKING'

We are paying our University professors less than we pay our garbage men. The average academic salary for the year 1956-57 at the University of California is \$7,250. The 503 garbage collectors of the City of San Francisco made \$7,441 each last year. A fault lies with the teaching profession itself. They have just got to learn that the only way to grease the axle is to start squeaking. — The California Farmer.

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## EDITORIALS

### 'Modern Republicanism' Is Defined by the GOP General

President Eisenhower told his first press conference after the election that the return of a Democratic Congress shows the voters are not convinced his "modern Republicanism" is going to be the guiding philosophy of the GOP. But he said he is going to work "industriously and incessantly" to mold the Republican Party to his concepts and persuade the people it is here to stay.

But what is this "modern Republicanism" which the GOP may be some day brought around to? What is this political philosophy which we are for the time being to behold enshrined in the General, but later are supposed to see burst forth in all its glory in the Colonels of the Grand Old Party, such as Knowland, McCarthy, Jenner, and their ilk?

Well, the General, according to United Press, took the trouble to define it:

"The President defined 'modern Republicanism' as being based on three principles—integrity in fiscal matters, a sound dollar, and dispersion of power."

No matter how many labor people may have voted for the General on the ground that his grin is grinner than Stevenson's, the fact remains that if the General has correctly stated his "modern Republicanism," it isn't a philosophy that just knocks over informed labor people with awe and admiration.

Fiscal integrity is important, the sound dollar is, too, and of course those two goals are closely linked.

But a fiscal policy and a money policy which is applied crushing on the small business man and which in the long run—and in the short run, too—helps the big business concerns to grow more and more toward monopoly, is not very appealing to labor.

Big Business men like Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and Secretary of Defense Wilson are obviously the ideal "modern Republicans" the General has in mind, and there is no reason organized labor or disorganized small business should trust them, either on their record or their philosophy, in budget and dollar matters.

As for "dispersion of power," we know what that means: It means 49 alibis to dodge around in; 48 States and the Federal Government passing the buck, and the President not taking frankly and boldly the centralized responsibility of taking hold and doing things for the welfare of the people. It means refusing to help the small business people of the Pacific Northwest build prosperity on cheap electricity, and instead working for "dispersion of power" to do things economically and politically among private corporations, corporation-subservient Administration officials, and slick lobbyists.

Better stick to the grin, General, instead of revealing the poverty of your rich-man philosophy!

### The Dignity of Man on Strike

After the brave Hungarians, men, women, and children, had fought the Soviet tanks for days with home-made bombs consisting of bottles of gasoline tied to explosives, and after heaven knows how many had died in the struggle, the survivors turned to another weapon.

That other weapon was the strike. As the fighting died down, the strike began. Men and women just wouldn't work. Tanks were rolled up to the gates of plants, but just as it was long ago established in this country that you can't dig coal with bayonets, so you can't run machine shops and other types of industrial works with tanks.

So the Commies began deporting Hungarians, long trainloads of them, rushed off to Siberia or some other hellhole. The more were deported, the more wouldn't work.

By the time you read this, there will of course be new developments, and the strike may be over. But we plump and self-satisfied working people in this country, who have so little time to pay attention to Hungary and similar matters because we are so busy being amused by the shows put on for us by the grace of Big Business, might pause for a moment and in our hearts pay tribute to the elemental and terrible beauty of that great weapon of the common people: the strike.

As carried out in Hungary by a desperate people it wears a veritable halo of tragic courage and irrepressible spirit. We talk in this country about "the dignity of man," and the way some of us act who use the phrase one wonders what some people think they mean when they mouth it. But there in Hungary, stark and awe-inspiring, you behold the dignity of man on strike, man refusing to be cowed, man floundering on toward a better day he cannot share, but his children may.

### That Tanker is No American Ship!

That gigantic oil tanker which came in from Sumatra last week was built in Japan, it's registered in Liberia to evade American laws for the protection of seamen, there are only 5 Americans in the crew, the Standard Oil Company rakes off big profits from the fact that cheap labor extracted that oil in Sumatra.

If in view of all these facts that greatly publicized tanker is an American ship then East Bay Labor Journal is the Singapore Gazette.

Japan does need business to keep her from falling into the hands of Red China, but let's at least have a fair break for the West Coast yards on shipbuilding that is done at home. And as for the other facts cited . . .!

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### Now They Write About the Trolley Car Era as Something So Long Ago!

A sprightly, beautifully illustrated account of the street car era and its effect on the lives and customs of North Americans during the last hundred years, has just been issued by McGraw-Hill Book Co. It is titled "Trolley Car Treasury."

Its author is Frank Rowsome, Jr., an editor of Popular Science, who became a trolley fan from the time he rode his first street car to kindergarten in Dedham, Mass.

Author Rowsome and his technical editor Stephen D. Maguire, have assembled the finest and best-reproduced collection of pictures—300 of them—we've ever seen on the subject. And the tone of the manuscript—some 60,000 words—is not lugubrious, or a requiem for the dead, dead past. Instead the book is packed with hitherto little-known facts and anecdotes as lively at times as the outpourings of a Broadway columnist.

For instance, did you know the name "trolley" came from "troller"—a toy-sized cart that ran on twin wires overhead to the car beneath, which towed—trolled—it along like a child dragging a roller skate on a string? Or that the original name of Brooklyn's National League pennant winners was the "Trolley Dodgers," so named because of the number of trolley car lines in the borough?

Rowsome has dug up these and other bits of memorabilia to surround a collection of pictures that ought to keep any old timer occupied for days.

The types of equipment shown in this book date back to the earliest horse cars and

include pictures of street cars that used storage batteries, steam, hot water, compressed air, ammonia and even naphtha for fuel. One type was propelled by mechanical "legs." Another was supposed to run on power supplied by giant springs such as are used in clocks, and which had to be wound up every eight miles.

The section on horse cars is particularly colorful. Rowsome traces this form of transit back to 1820. Speaking of the drivers—or "motormen"—he says they were a special breed of men "weathered and gruff." "After years of teamstering animals, they normally conversed in the vibrant tones that are sometimes reserved for communicating with the stone-deaf or foreign-born," the author writes. "What with a brass gong to stamp on, a whip to crack, and a vocabulary of emphatic instructions in horse language, they generally created quite a stir." — Motorman, Conductor, and Motor Coach Operator.

### Automation Issue

TORONTO, Ont.—Organized labor in Ontario has started a campaign to fight a recent Supreme Court of Ontario decision which upset a ruling of the Ontario Labor Relations Board.

The decision dealt with the question of whether technicians are eligible to join a union or whether they are management personnel.

With the coming of automation, the matter is felt to be of extreme importance to the labor movement.—Labors Daily.

### Between the Red Devil & Blue Sea

Governor Samuel King of Hawaii has fired Attorney General Edward N. Sylva, a Republican as is the Governor, for attending a testimonial dinner in Honolulu to Jack Hall, on ball as a convicted Communist.

Hall is regional director for the ILWU, the union headed by Harry Bridges.

U. S. Senator Eastland of Mississippi, one of the most reactionary of the Dixiecrat Senators, who by the ironclad rule of seniority is head of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, which looks into civil rights questions, is headed to Hawaii soon to make an investigation of how things are going in the islands.

The Republican machine in Hawaii was between the red devil and the deep blue sea, it is reported, on the question of whether top Republicans should attend the ILWU affair. If they attended they'd face cross examination by Eastland on just what their connection was with you-know-what. If they didn't they might lose the 24,000 Harry Bridges is supposed to have in his pocket in Hawaii. So Attorney General Sylva decided not to risk the 24,000 votes, and lost his job in the gamble.

Tell 'em you saw it in the  
East Bay Labor Journal!

### 62% AFL-Backed Candidates Gained Office in State

President Eisenhower took California by better than a half-million votes in the November 6 general election, but 62 percent of AFL-sponsored candidates won election to Congress and the state legislature, says the State Federation Newsletter.

Thomas Kuchel, the GOP's incumbent U. S. Senator, knocked over AFL-backed Richard Richards, Democrat, by nearly 300,000 votes.

However, the AFL picked up two congressional seats in California's 30-member delegation when John J. McFall (D, Stockton) upset incumbent J. Leroy Johnson (R, Stockton) in the 11th District, and D. S. Saund (D, Westmorland) took the 29th District seat held by John R. Phillips (R, Banning) until his recent retirement.

Semi-official ballot results show the following AFL box-score:

1—Thirteen of 26 AFL-endorsed candidates were elected to Congress.

2—Twelve of 17 endorsed candidates were elected to the State Senate.

3—Forty-seven of 73 endorsed candidates were elected to the State Assembly.

AFL recommendations were upheld in 11 of 13 state ballot propositions. In six instances the AFL made no recommendation.

AFL-opposed No. 4, the oil control measure, was beaten almost 3 to 1. However, AFL-endorsed No. 10 was rejected; the measure would have altered civil service hiring procedures for architects and engineers.

AMONG BOOKMARKS that

borrowers from the Riverside, Calif., library have left in books are a carpenter's file, a rubber dagger, a Marilyn Monroe cut-out, a lottery ticket, an inflated balloon and a ticket to a fireman's ball. — Labors Daily.

### AP Claims Labor Voted for Ike But Helped Stymie GOP

East Bay Labor Journal passes on to readers for what it is worth the Associated Press dispatch from Washington November 7 on what labor did in the election:

Labor union members seem clearly to have ignored their unions' endorsement of Democrat Adlai Stevenson and have voted overwhelmingly instead for a second term for Republican President Eisenhower.

In his landslide victory, Eisenhower carried every state having a large concentration of union members—including Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and California.

Eisenhower's sweep of these key states indicated a substantial outpouring of union worker votes for Eisenhower, regardless of union endorsements for Stevenson.

Union labor votes undoubtedly helped elect Democratic Governor G. Mennen Williams in Michigan and another Democrat, former Representative Foster Furcolo, as governor of Massachusetts.

West Virginia, a stronghold of the United Mine Workers, went Republican for the first time since 1928, despite the UMW's endorsement of Democrats.

The AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education concentrated its spending and political efforts more on the congressional contests than on the presidential race.

This likely had some effect in keeping Congress from following the landslide pace to the GOP charted by Eisenhower.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell said the results should "dispel forever the myth that the Democratic party is the party of labor."

Mitchell said the President's huge vote was "proof of the endorsement of his policies by the working men and women of America."

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